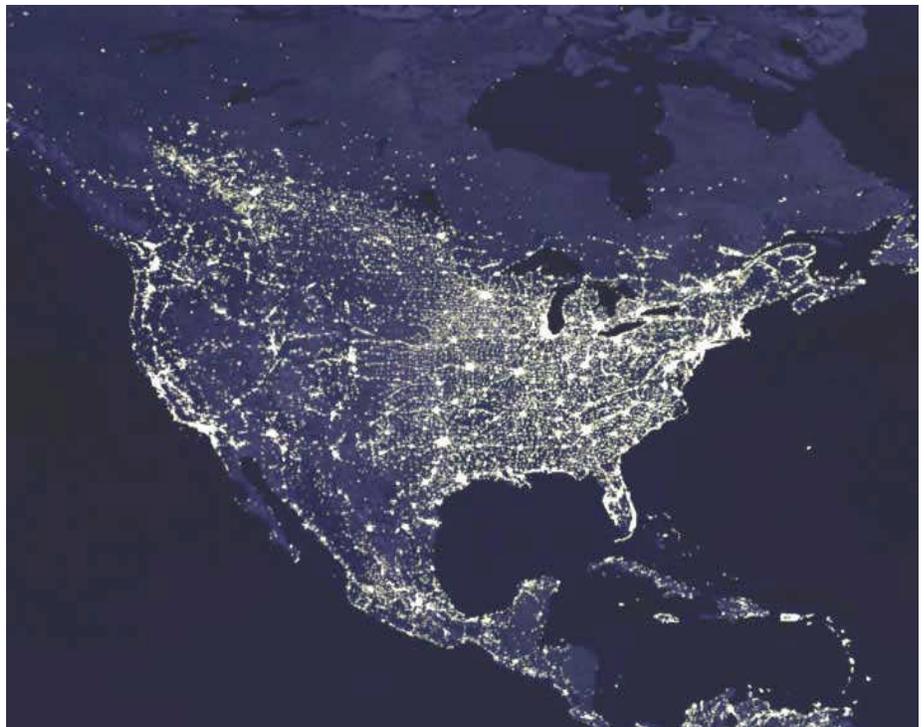


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Food Stamp Program (FSP) statutes, regulations, and waivers provide State agencies with numerous policy options. State agencies use this flexibility to improve how the program works in meeting the nutritional needs of low-income people across the nation. Choosing certain options can facilitate program design goals such as removing or reducing barriers to access and sustained participation for low-income families and individuals, providing better support for those working or looking for work, targeting benefits to those most in need, streamlining administration and field operations, and coordinating FSP activities with those of other programs. With passage of the *Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002*, the array of policy options was significantly expanded in several key areas.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) intermittently surveys State agencies administering the Food Stamp Program to determine which policy options are in use. Information about State agency choices among policy options is subject to frequent change. **This report catalogs choices in effect as of November 2007.** Several States have reported plans to implement various options at later dates. Those choices will be reflected in future editions of this report. Please note that this edition of the *State Options Report* expands the information captured regarding Simplified Reporting (SR) to include the length of the certification period State agencies assign to SR cases (see Page 3). This edition also continues, and expands, the tracking of two options first surveyed in the 6th edition. The first is State agencies that have implemented a waiver of the requirement for a face-to-face interview between a responsible household member and an eligibility worker. This edition tracks waivers of the face-to-face interview at both recertification actions, as it did in the 6th edition, and also initial certification actions (see Page 24). The second is State agencies that are utilizing call centers. This edition tracks State agencies use of centers to process reported changes in the circumstances of participating households, as it did in the 6th edition, as well as centers used to conduct telephone certification interviews (see Page 25). In addition, this edition begins the tracking of two new options; State agencies that have implemented Combined Application Projects (CAP) (see Page 17), and State agencies that are utilizing document imaging technology (see Page 26). One option tracked in previous editions, wage supplementation, has been dropped from this edition.

Section One of the report describes the options and lists the States that have selected each of them. The options presented here from the Farm Bill are denoted with the Farm Bill logo. Information is shown in tabular and map formats. Section Two lists the 53 State agencies in alphabetical order and shows the status of each State agency in relation to each policy option. Please contact FNS, FSP, Program Development Division, at (703) 305-2433 with questions, corrections, or suggestions about this edition of the *State Options Report*.

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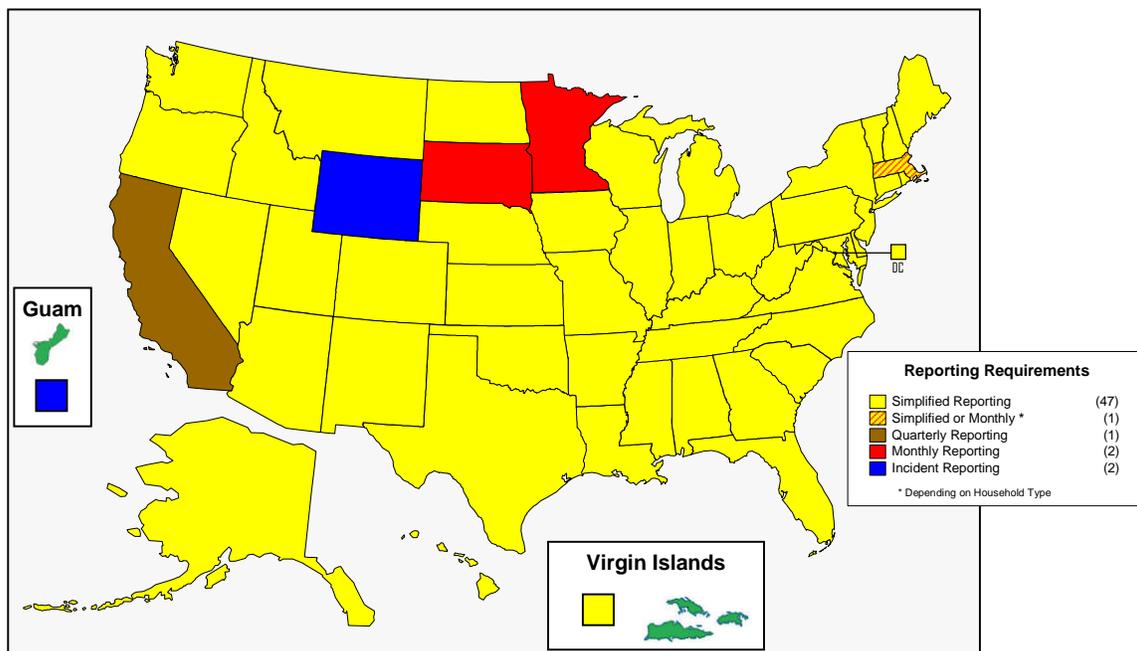
OPTION PROFILES

Reporting Requirements

State agencies have the option of requiring food stamp recipients to report on their financial circumstances at various intervals and in various ways. They can institute a type of periodic reporting system or they can rely on households to report changes within 10 days of occurrence—known as “incident reporting.” The table below shows States that have chosen periodic reporting. Participants report either quarterly or monthly, or under a “simplified” system with reduced reporting requirements. Under the simplified reporting option, households are required to report changes in income between certification and scheduled reporting periods only when total countable income rises above 130 percent of the poverty level. States implementing simplified reporting can set reporting intervals or certification periods at four, five, or six months.

Simplified (Reduced) Reporting			Quarterly Reporting	Monthly Reporting
48			1	3
ALABAMA	KENTUCKY	NORTH DAKOTA	CALIFORNIA	MASSACHUSETTS MINNESOTA SOUTH DAKOTA
ALASKA	LOUISIANA	OHIO		
ARIZONA	MAINE	OKLAHOMA		
ARKANSAS	MARYLAND	OREGON		
COLORADO	MASSACHUSETTS	PENNSYLVANIA		
CONNECTICUT	MICHIGAN	RHODE ISLAND		
DELAWARE	MISSISSIPPI	SOUTH CAROLINA		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MISSOURI	TENNESSEE		
FLORIDA	MONTANA	TEXAS		
GEORGIA	NEBRASKA	UTAH		
HAWAII	NEVADA	VERMONT		
IDAHO	NEW HAMPSHIRE	VIRGIN ISLANDS		
ILLINOIS	NEW JERSEY	VIRGINIA		
INDIANA	NEW MEXICO	WASHINGTON		
IOWA	NEW YORK	WEST VIRGINIA		
KANSAS	NORTH CAROLINA	WISCONSIN		

NOTE: The reporting method(s) selected may be applied to only some of the household types in the State eligible to report periodically.

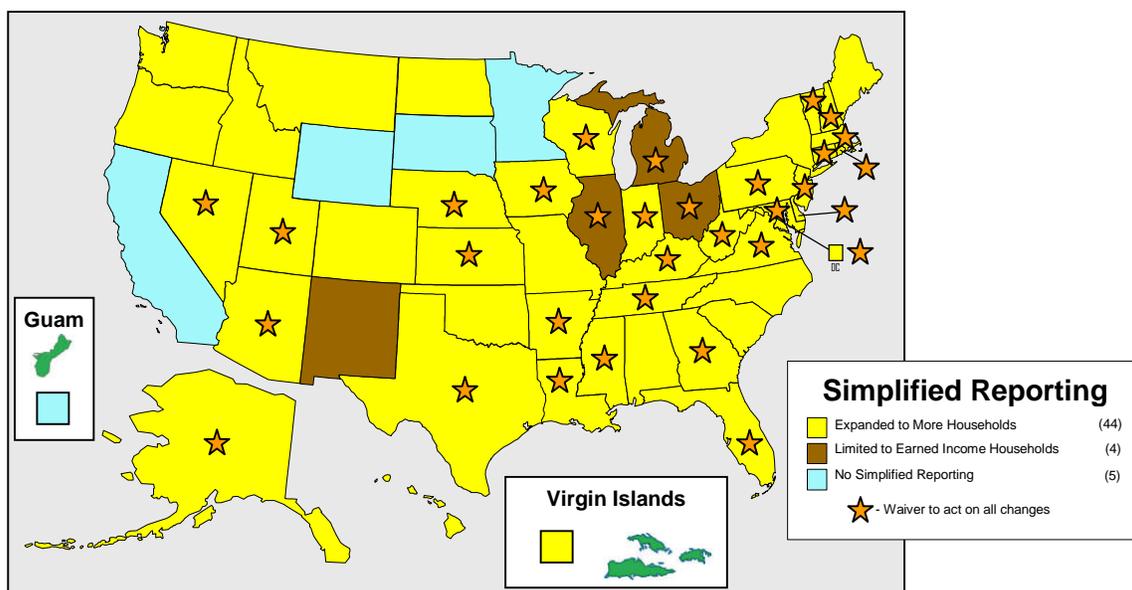




Simplified Reporting- Expansion

Prior to passage of the Farm Bill, the FSP contained the option to use a reporting system with reduced reporting requirements for earned income households on a semi-annual schedule. With passage of the Farm Bill's Simplified Reporting option, States can expand their reporting systems for earned income households to any and all households that can be asked to report periodically. Of the 48 States currently using Simplified Reporting, 44 have expanded it beyond earned income households. In between certification and scheduled reporting periods, a household's monthly benefit amount is not decreased as long as total income is less than 130 percent of the poverty level. States can request a waiver that will allow them to reduce benefits on the basis of change information affecting eligibility and benefit levels in other programs. This waiver has been given to 32 of the 48 States with Simplified Reporting systems.

Expanded Simplified Reporting			Simplified Reporting -- Earned Income Households Only
44			4
ALABAMA ALASKA* ARIZONA* ARKANSAS* COLORADO CONNECTICUT* DELAWARE* DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA* FLORIDA* GEORGIA* HAWAII IDAHO INDIANA* IOWA* KANSAS*	KENTUCKY* LOUISIANA* MAINE MARYLAND* MASSACHUSETTS* MISSISSIPPI* MISSOURI MONTANA NEBRASKA* NEVADA* NEW HAMPSHIRE* NEW JERSEY* NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA	OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA* RHODE ISLAND* SOUTH CAROLINA TENNESSEE* TEXAS* UTAH* VERMONT* VIRGIN ISLANDS VIRGINIA* WASHINGTON WEST VIRGINIA* WISCONSIN*	ILLINOIS* MICHIGAN* NEW MEXICO OHIO*
*Waiver to Act on All Changes			

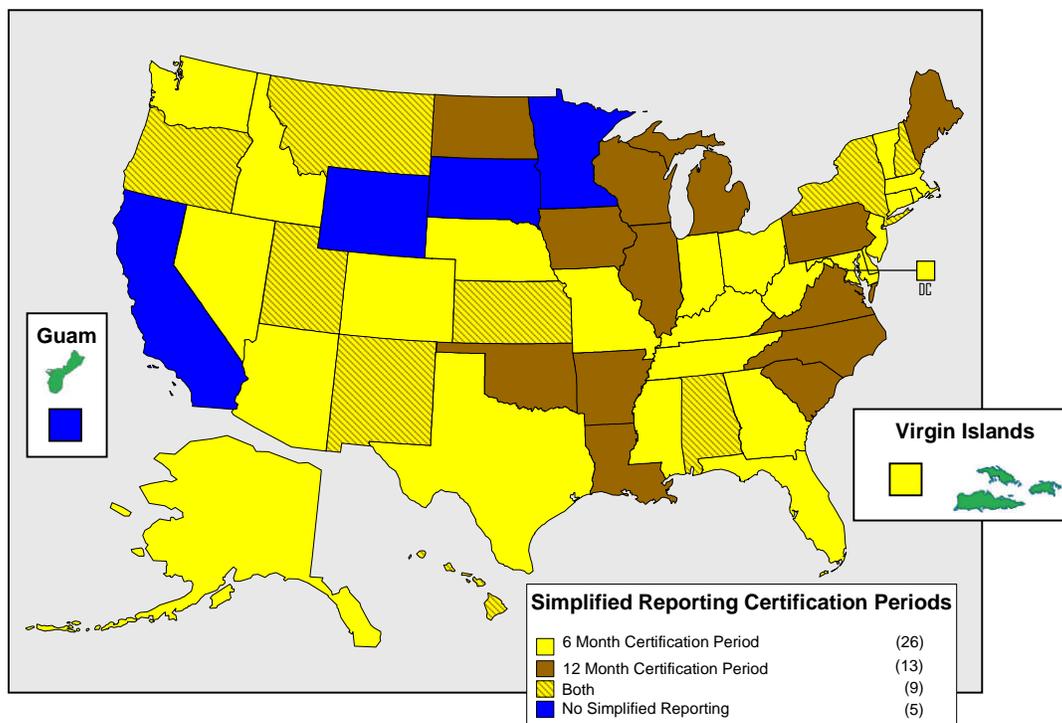




Simplified Reporting- Certification Length

Prior to passage of the Farm Bill, regulations at 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(vii) provided that households with earned income subject to simplified reporting that were assigned certification periods longer than 6 months were required to submit an interim report at the 6-month point. With passage of the Farm Bill, Section 4109, *State Option to Reduce Reporting Requirements*, provided that household subject to reporting on a periodic basis submit reports not less often than once every 6 months. Some State agencies have opted to certify simplified reporting households for 12 months, with an interim report at 6 months. Others have opted to certify these households for 6 months.

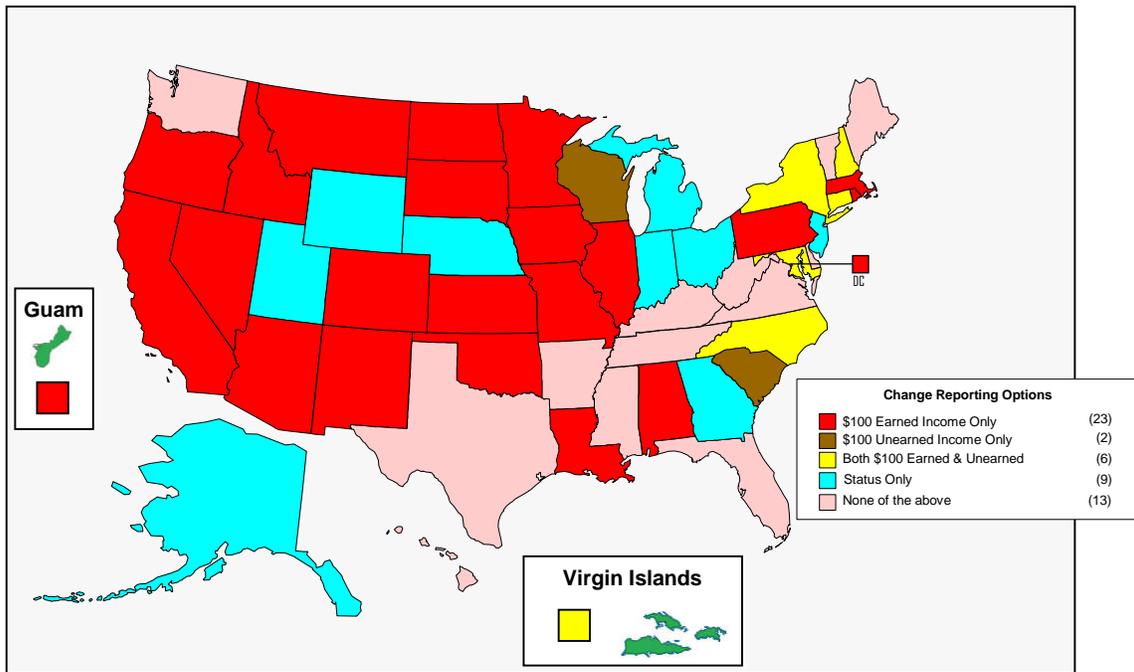
6 Month Certification Periods		12 Month Certification Periods	Both
26		13	9
ALASKA ARIZONA COLORADO CONNECTICUT DELAWARE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FLORIDA GEORGIA IDAHO INDIANA KENTUCKY MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS	MISSISSIPPI MISSOURI NEBRASKA NEVADA NEW JERSEY OHIO RHODE ISLAND TENNESSEE TEXAS VERMONT VIRGIN ISLANDS WASHINGTON WEST VIRGINIA	ARKANSAS ILLINOIS IOWA LOUISIANA MAINE MICHIGAN NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA OKLAHOMA PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH CAROLINA VIRGINIA WISCONSIN	ALABAMA HAWAII KANSAS MONTANA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW MEXICO NEW YORK OREGON UTAH



Change Reporting Options

States can use a variety of options for households not in simplified reporting who are subject to incident or change reporting rules to lessen the reporting burden on these households and the workload of field staff. Status reporting requires households to report only when a member changes jobs, receives a different rate of pay, or has a change in his or her work status, i.e., from full time to part time or vice versa. Another option requires households to report only when there is a change in earnings of \$100 or more per month. A third option allows households to report only when there has been a change in unearned income from private sources of \$100 or more per month. Use of reporting options is expected to decrease as more State agencies take full advantage of simplified reporting.

\$100 Earned		\$100 Unearned	Both \$100 Earned & \$100 Unearned	Status	
23		2	6	9	
ALABAMA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA COLORADO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GUAM IDAHO ILLINOIS IOWA KANSAS LOUISIANA MASSACHUSETTS	MINNESOTA MISSOURI MONTANA NEVADA NEW MEXICO NORTH DAKOTA OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH DAKOTA	SOUTH CAROLINA WISCONSIN	CONNECTICUT MARYLAND NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA VIRGIN ISLANDS	ALASKA GEORGIA INDIANA MICHIGAN NEBRASKA	NEW JERSEY OHIO UTAH WYOMING

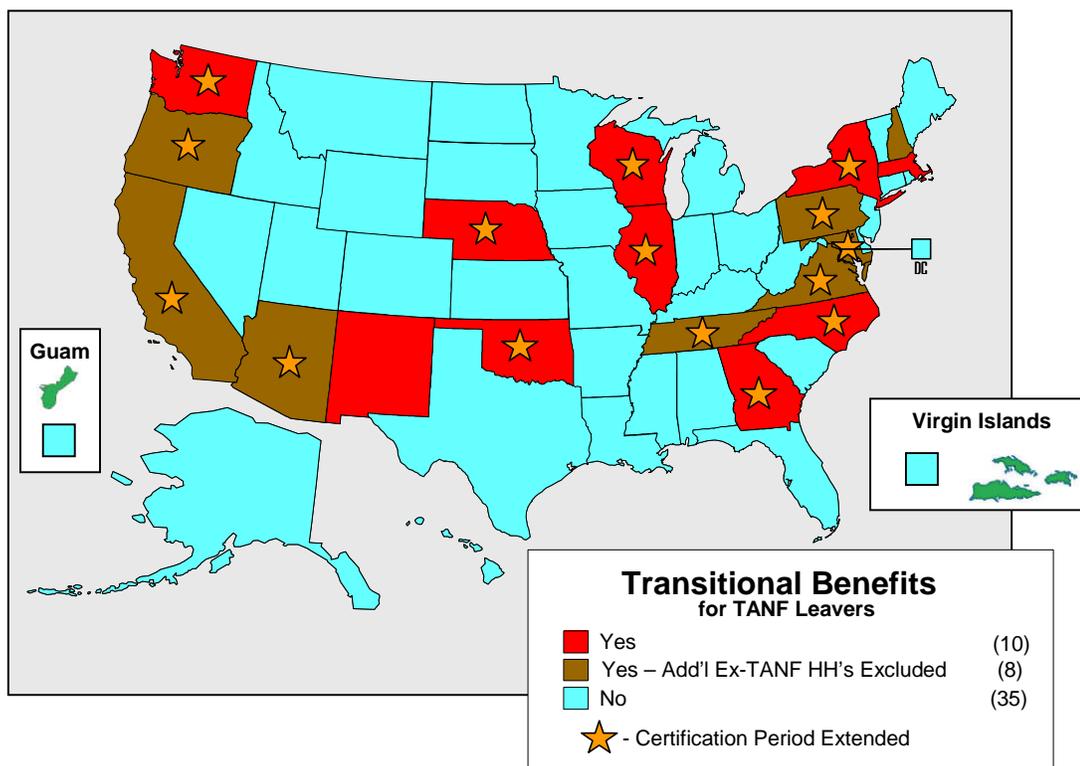




Transitional Benefits

This is an option available to States to help support families as they move off Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance. Benefits can be continued for up to five months in an amount equal to the amount received by the household prior to TANF termination with adjustments for loss of TANF income. Certification periods can be extended through the last transitional month. Two States, New York and Pennsylvania, had been offering the pre-Farm Bill version of Transitional Benefits to families coming off welfare. Now 16 other States have chosen to provide this work support. All 18 States have elected to issue benefits to welfare leavers for the full five months allowed in the legislation. Fifteen have indicated they will extend certification periods to complete the transition. Eight have designated more types of TANF households that cannot be included in addition to the types excluded from participation by law.

Transitional Benefits		Certification Extension		Additional Households Excluded
18		15		8
ARIZONA	NEW YORK	ARIZONA	OREGON	ARIZONA
CALIFORNIA	NORTH CAROLINA	CALIFORNIA	OKLAHOMA	CALIFORNIA
GEORGIA	OKLAHOMA	GEORGIA	PENNSYLVANIA	MARYLAND
ILLINOIS	OREGON	ILLINOIS	TENNESSEE	NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARYLAND	PENNSYLVANIA	MARYLAND	VIRGINIA	OREGON
MASSACHUSETTS	TENNESSEE	NEBRASKA	WASHINGTON	PENNSYLVANIA
NEBRASKA	VIRGINIA	NEW YORK	WISCONSIN	TENNESSEE
NEW HAMPSHIRE	WASHINGTON	NORTH CAROLINA		VIRGINIA
NEW MEXICO	WISCONSIN			

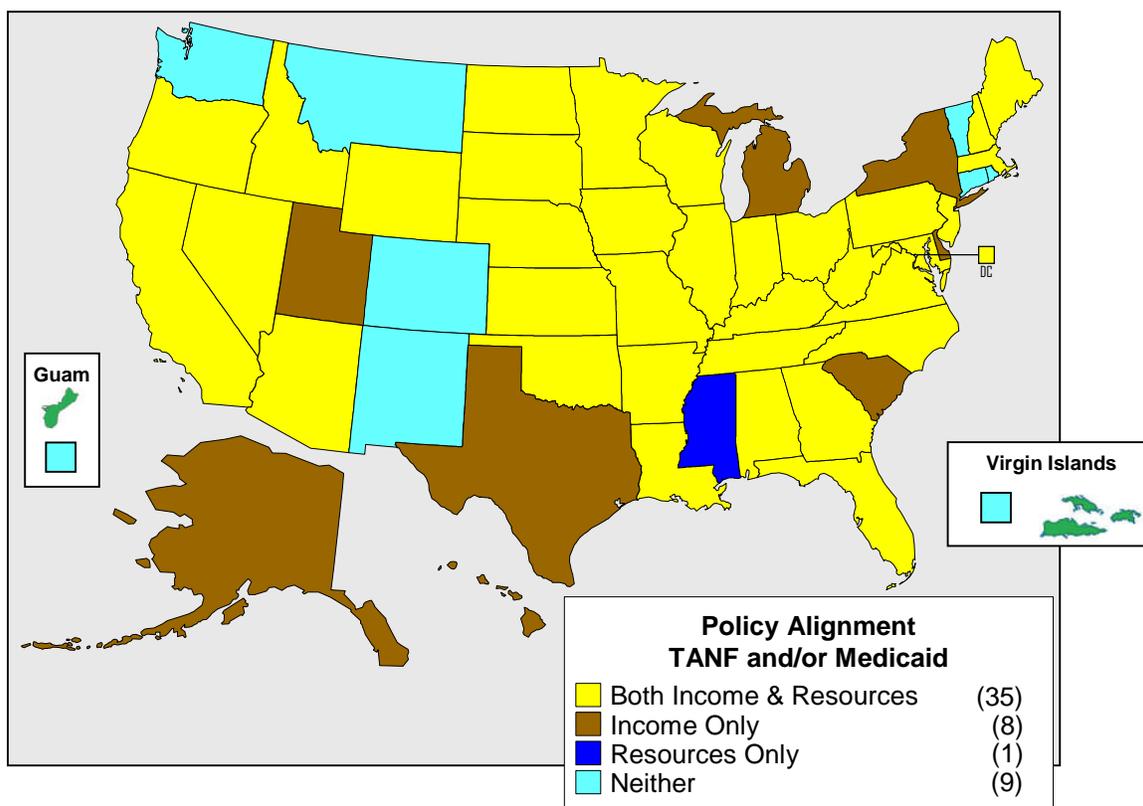




Simplified Definitions of Income and Resources

State agencies have the option to exclude additional types of income and resources by aligning food stamp policy with TANF or Medicaid policy. Any income not counted under Section 1931 of Medicaid or TANF can be excluded with some exceptions. The exceptions are wages, salaries, benefits from major assistance programs, regular payments from a government source, worker's compensation, child support payments, and other types determined countable to insure fairness in eligibility determinations. The same option exists for the treatment of resources. The ones that cannot be excluded when using this particular option are cash, licensed vehicles, and readily available amounts in financial institutions--plus anything determined essential to count by FNS for basic fairness.

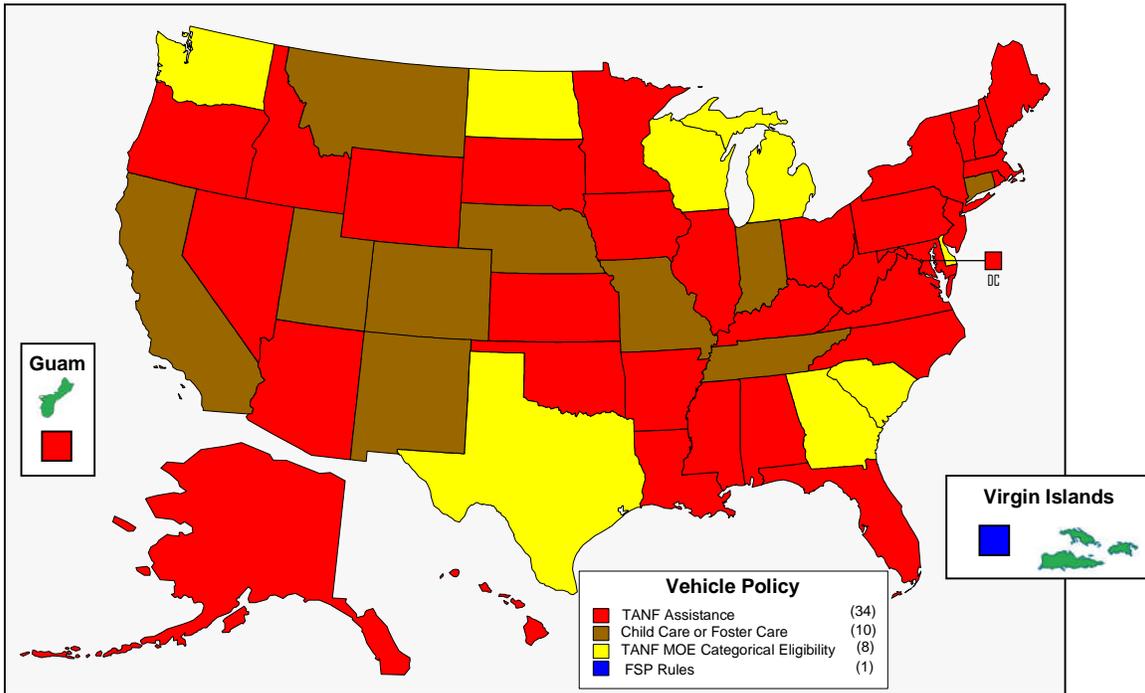
Simplified Definition of Income	Simplified Definition of Resources	Both		
8	1	35		
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Vehicle Policy

States have the option of substituting the vehicle rules used in their TANF assistance programs for FSP vehicle rules when it results in a lower attribution of household assets. Some States provide non-cash benefit or service funded with TANF or TANF Maintenance of Effort (MOE) money to confer categorical eligibility upon a larger number of households as long as gross income does not exceed 200% of poverty.

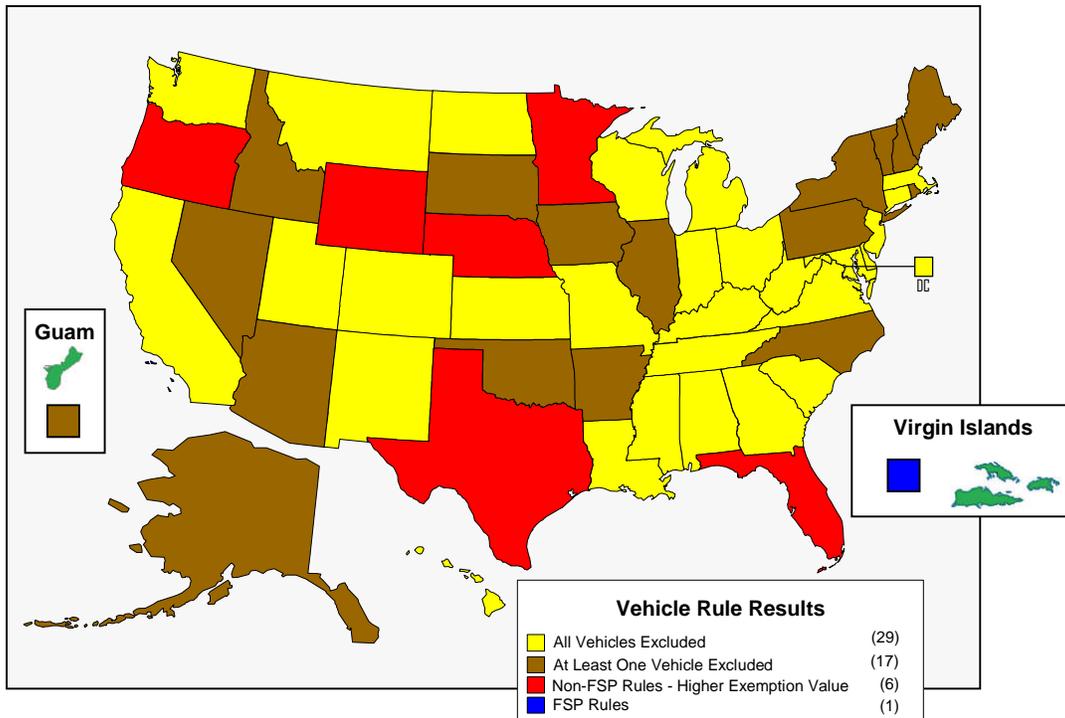
TANF Assistance Rules			TANF – MOE Categorical Eligibility	Child Care or Foster Care Rules	Food Stamp Program Rules
34			8	10	1
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Vehicle Policy Con't.

The alternative rules used have allowed 29 States to exclude the value of all vehicles entirely. Of the remaining 23 States not using FSP rules, 17 totally exclude the value of at least one vehicle per household. The other 6 exempt an amount higher than the FSP's standard auto exemption (currently set at \$4,650) from the fair market value to determine the countable resource value of a vehicle.

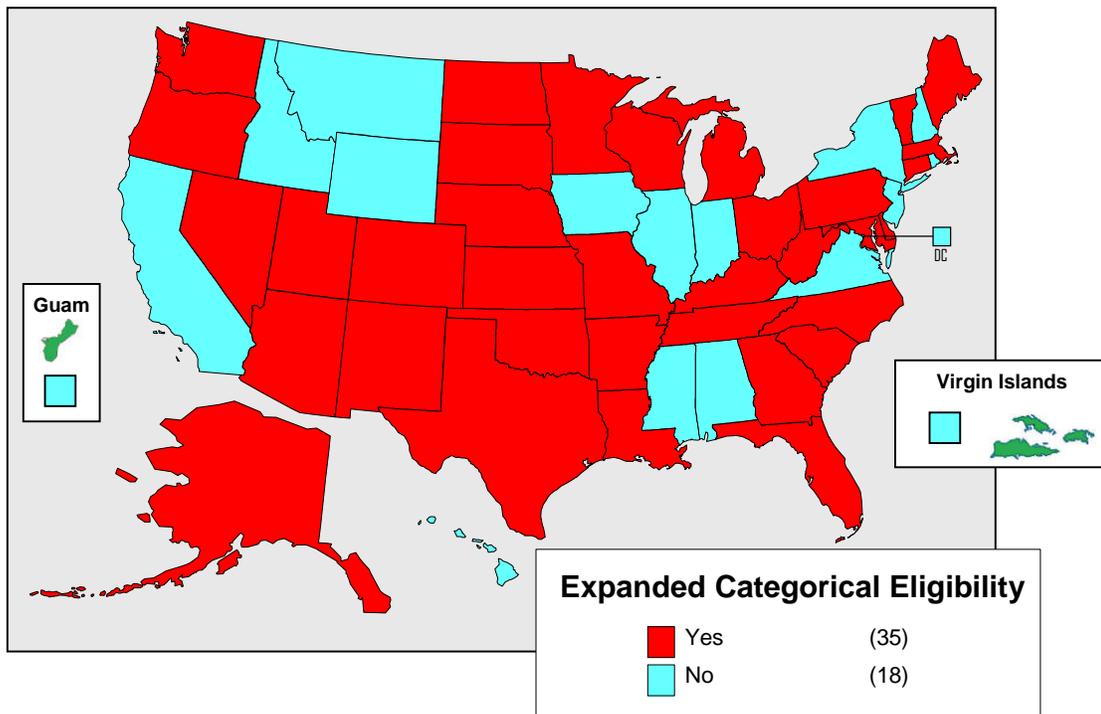
All Vehicles Excluded		At Least One Vehicle Per Household Excluded		Exemption > \$4,650
29		17		6
ALABAMA	MISSISSIPPI	ALASKA	NEW HAMPSHIRE	FLORIDA
CALIFORNIA	MISSOURI	ARIZONA	NEW YORK	MINNESOTA
COLORADO	MONTANA	ARKANSAS	NORTH CAROLINA	NEBRASKA
CONNECTICUT	NEW JERSEY	GUAM	OKLAHOMA	OREGON
DELAWARE	NEW MEXICO	IDAHO	PENNSYLVANIA	TEXAS
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GEORGIA	OHIO	IOWA	SOUTH DAKOTA	
HAWAII	SOUTH CAROLINA	MAINE	VERMONT	
INDIANA	TENNESSEE	NEVADA		
KANSAS	UTAH			
KENTUCKY	VIRGINIA			
LOUISIANA	WASHINGTON			
MARYLAND	WEST VIRGINIA			
MASSACHUSETTS	WISCONSIN			
MICHIGAN				



Expanded Categorical Eligibility

Expanding categorical eligibility for food stamp benefits is advantageous for more than dealing with vehicles. It can simplify eligibility determination by eliminating the requirement for other asset valuation and the application of the resource test. Households where all members benefit from means-tested cash assistance programs are categorically eligible for food stamps--as are those receiving means-tested non-cash benefits if the program involved is funded with over 50 percent TANF or MOE money. State agencies then have the option to expand this designation to households receiving a non-cash benefit from programs wherein less than 50 percent of the funding comes from TANF or MOE sources as long as the household's gross income does not exceed 200 percent of the poverty level.

Expanded Categorical Eligibility			No Expanded Categorical Eligibility	
35			18	
ALASKA	MARYLAND	OREGON	ALABAMA	MISSISSIPPI
ARIZONA	MASSACHUSETTS	PENNSYLVANIA	CALIFORNIA	MONTANA
ARKANSAS	MICHIGAN	SOUTH CAROLINA	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	NEW HAMPSHIRE
COLORADO	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	GUAM	NEW JERSEY
CONNECTICUT	MISSOURI	TENNESSEE	HAWAII	NEW YORK
DELAWARE	NEBRASKA	TEXAS	IDAHO	RHODE ISLAND
FLORIDA	NEVADA	UTAH	ILLINOIS	VIRGIN ISLANDS
GEORGIA	NEW MEXICO	VERMONT	INDIANA	VIRGINIA
KANSAS	NORTH CAROLINA	WASHINGTON	IOWA	WYOMING
KENTUCKY	NORTH DAKOTA	WEST VIRGINIA		
LOUISIANA	OHIO	WISCONSIN		
MAINE	OKLAHOMA			

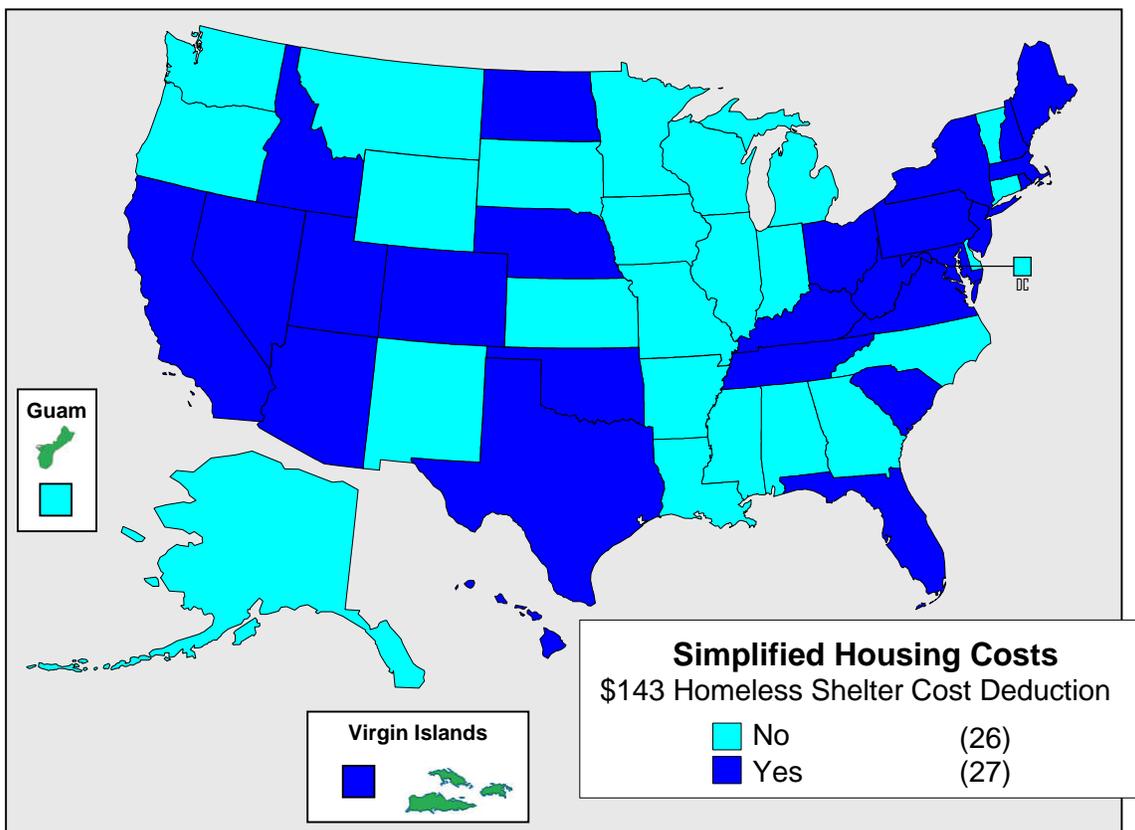




Simplified Housing Costs (Homeless)

States have the option to use a standard deduction from income of \$143 per month for homeless households with some shelter expenses. This option makes it unnecessary for States to justify the level of the homeless shelter cost deduction and for program participants to itemize specific costs.

Simplified Housing Costs	
27	
ARIZONA	NEW YORK
CALIFORNIA	NORTH DAKOTA
COLORADO	OHIO
FLORIDA	OKLAHOMA
HAWAII	PENNSYLVANIA
IDAHO	RHODE ISLAND
KENTUCKY	SOUTH CAROLINA
MAINE	TENNESSEE
MARYLAND	TEXAS
MASSACHUSETTS	UTAH
NEBRASKA	VIRGIN ISLANDS
NEVADA	VIRGINIA
NEW HAMPSHIRE	WEST VIRGINIA
NEW JERSEY	

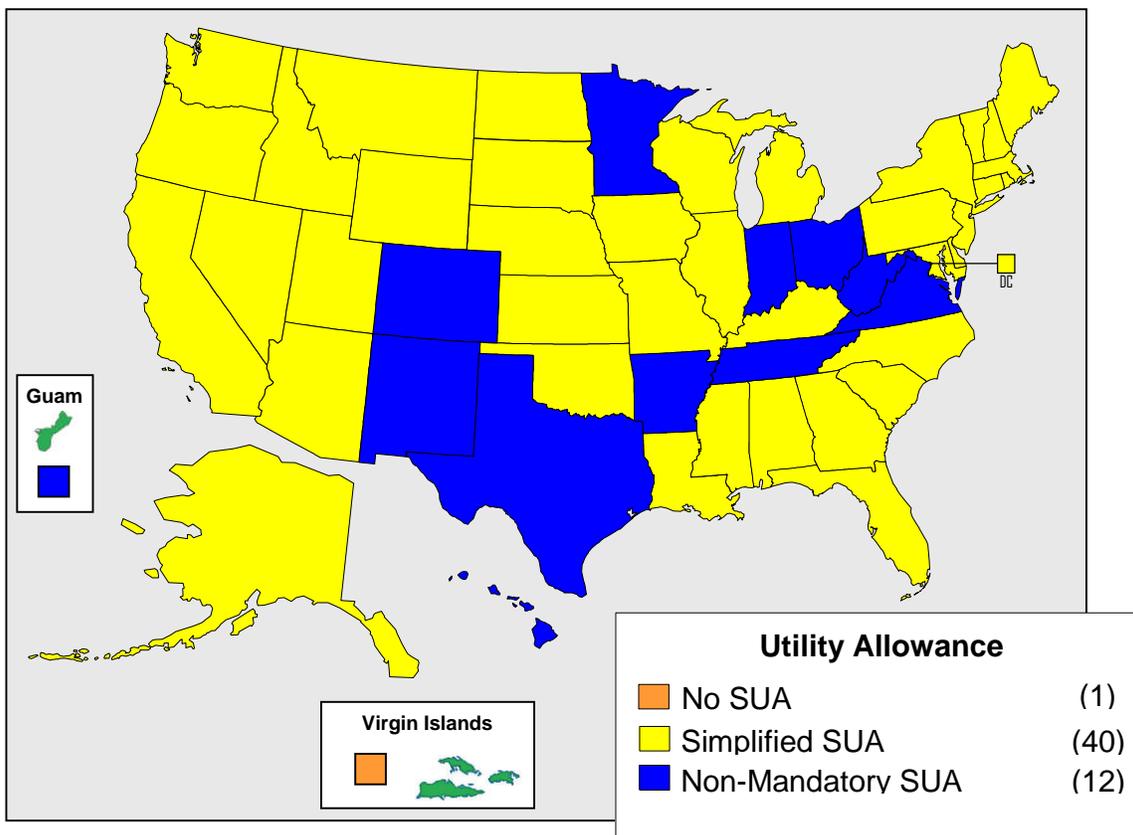




Simplified Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)

State agencies electing to use the SUA for all households in place of actual utility costs can adopt the simplified SUA. This eliminates the requirement to prorate the SUA among households that share living space, and it allows public housing residents with shared meters who are charged for only excess utility costs to have the benefit of the SUA as a deduction from income. All State agencies except the Virgin Islands use a Standard Utility Allowance.

Mandatory SUA Simplified			SUA Not Mandatory		No SUA
40			12		1
ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	NORTH CAROLINA	ARKANSAS	NEW MEXICO	VIRGIN ISLANDS
ALASKA	MAINE	NORTH DAKOTA	COLORADO	OHIO	
ARIZONA	MARYLAND	OKLAHOMA	GUAM	TENNESSEE	
CALIFORNIA	MASSACHUSETTS	OREGON	HAWAII	TEXAS	
CONNECTICUT	MICHIGAN	PENNSYLVANIA	INDIANA	VIRGINIA	
DELAWARE	MISSISSIPPI	RHODE ISLAND	MINNESOTA	WEST VIRGINIA	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MISSOURI	SOUTH CAROLINA			
FLORIDA	MONTANA	SOUTH DAKOTA			
GEORGIA	NEBRASKA	UTAH			
IDAHO	NEVADA	VERMONT			
ILLINOIS	NEW HAMPSHIRE	WASHINGTON			
IOWA	NEW JERSEY	WISCONSIN			
KANSAS	NEW YORK	WYOMING			
KENTUCKY					

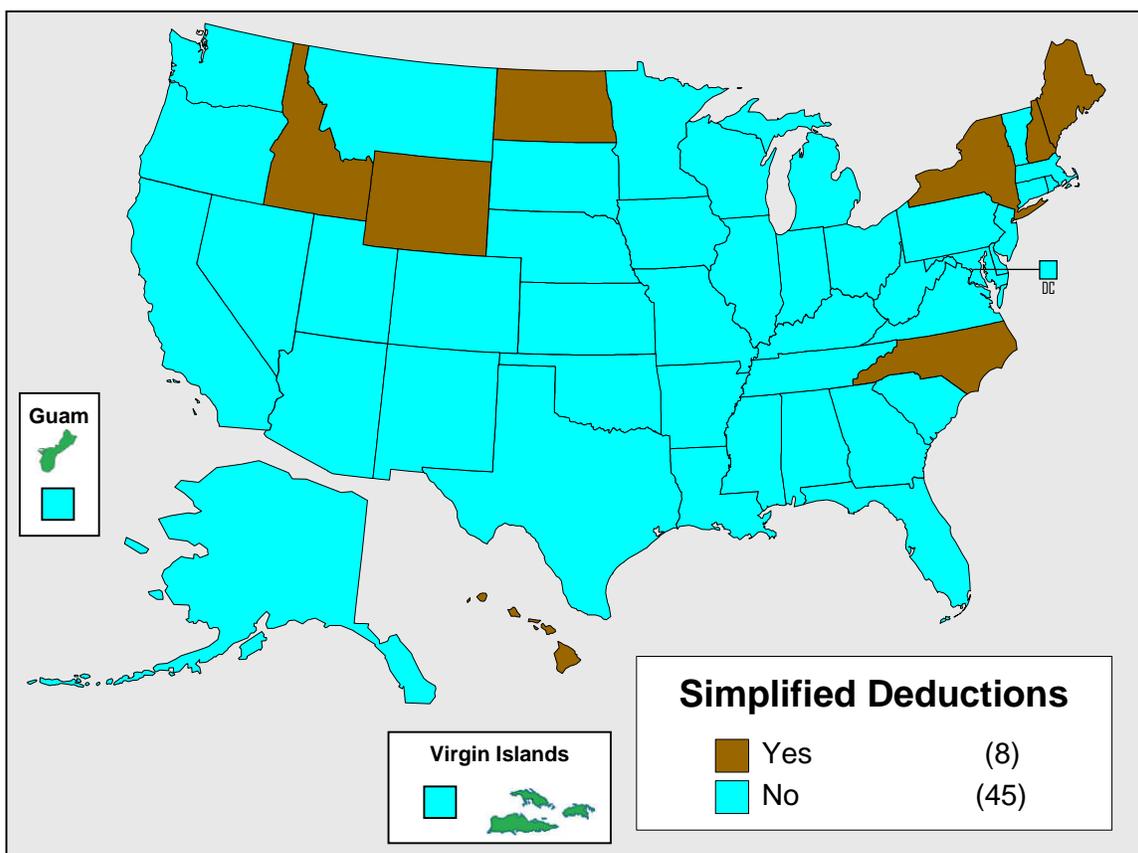




Simplified Determination of Deductions

In order to streamline case handling procedures and lessen vulnerability to payment errors for minor discrepancies, States can elect to disregard changes in certain deduction amounts during certification periods. The deductions affected are the ones for child care expenses, child support payments made, medical expenses, and shelter costs at the same residence.

Simplified Deductions	
8	
HAWAII	NEW YORK
IDAHO	NORTH CAROLINA
MAINE	NORTH DAKOTA
NEW HAMPSHIRE	WYOMING

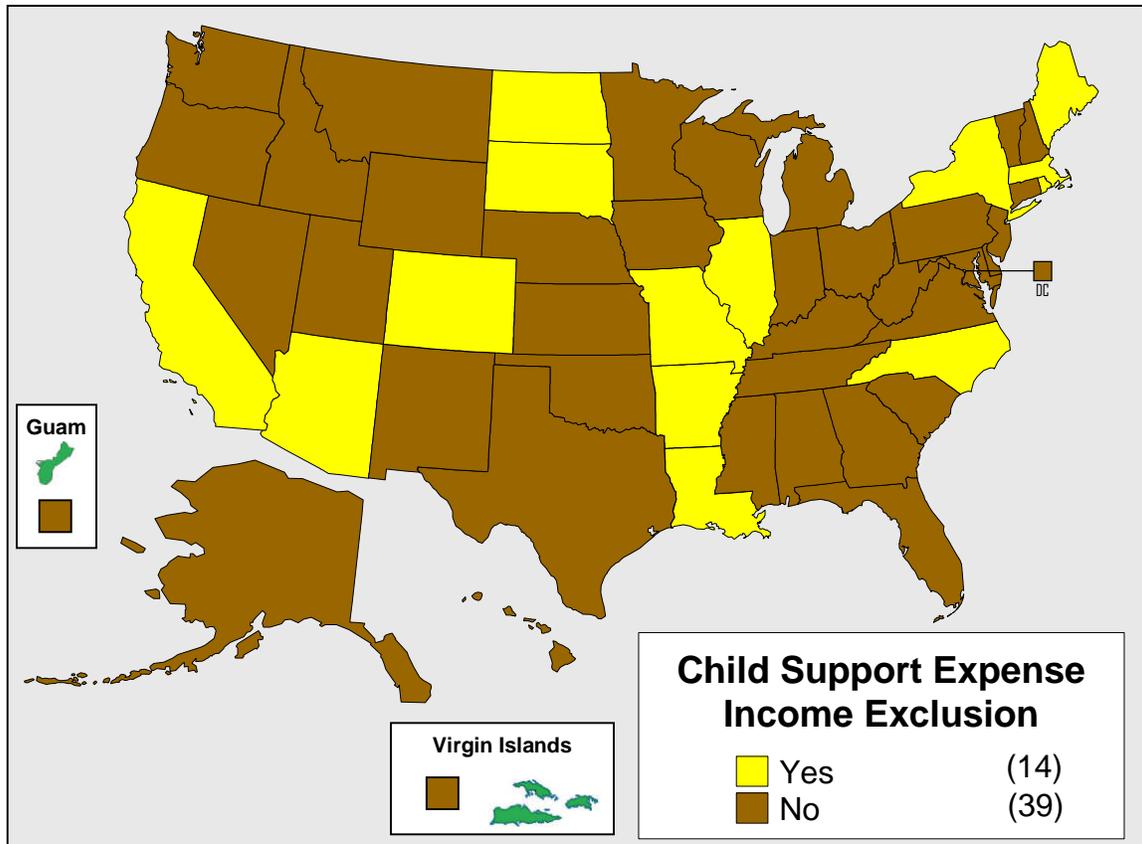


Child Support Expense Income Exclusion



States have the option to treat legally obligated child support payments made to non-household members as an income exclusion rather than a deduction.

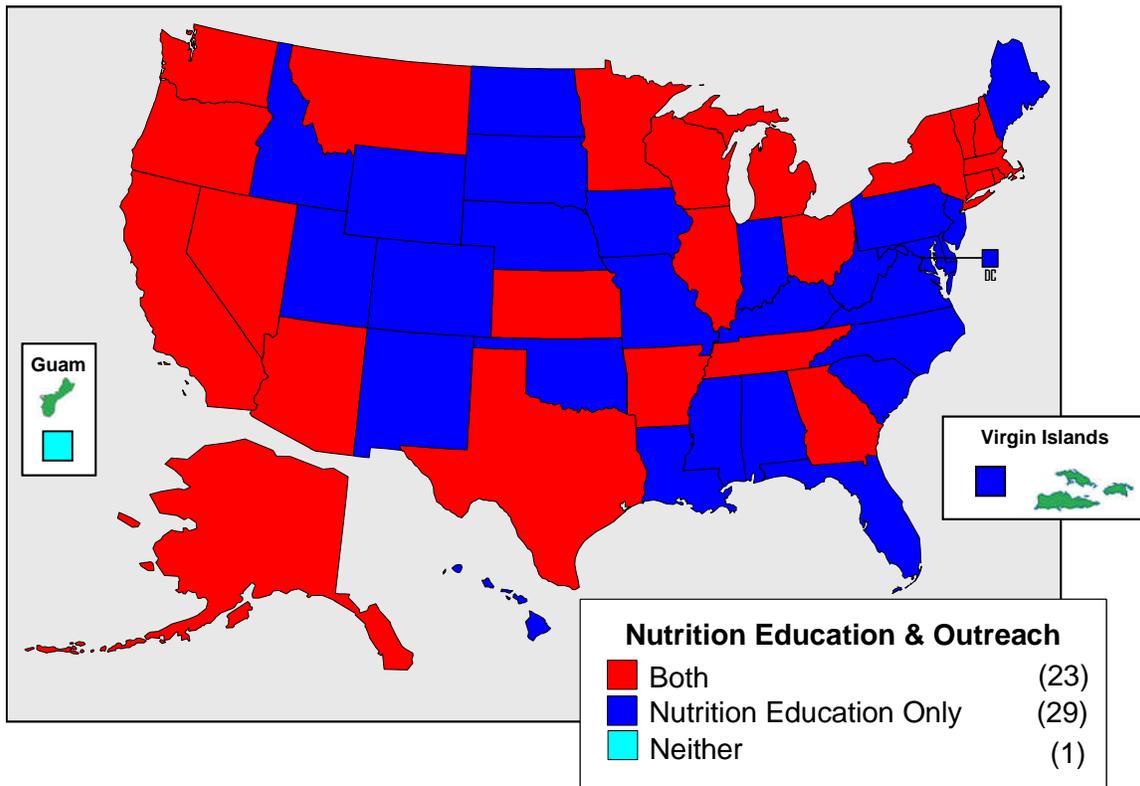
Child Support Expense Exclusion	
14	
ARIZONA	MASSACHUSETTS
ARKANSAS	MISSOURI
CALIFORNIA	NEW YORK
COLORADO	NORTH CAROLINA
ILLINOIS	NORTH DAKOTA
LOUISIANA	RHODE ISLAND
MAINE	SOUTH DAKOTA



Nutrition Education and Outreach Initiatives

All States, except Guam, have Nutrition Education programs. In addition, 23 States have formal Outreach Programs to increase program participation. A number of additional States conduct informal Outreach activities.

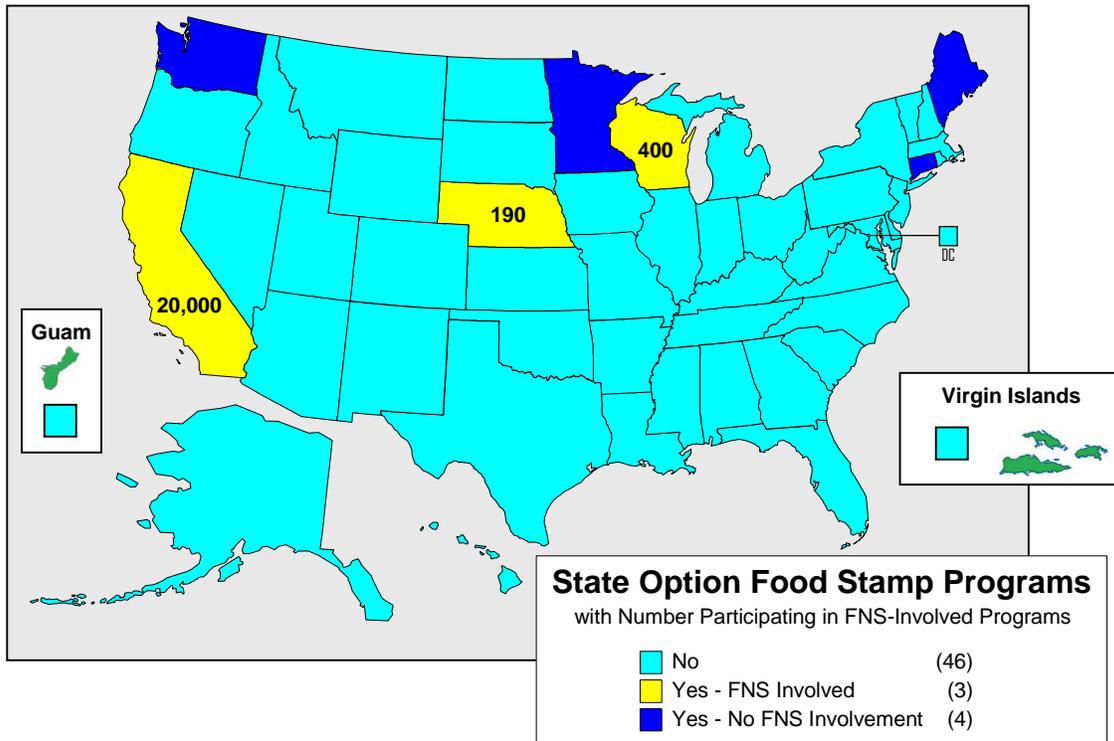
Nutrition Education Programs			Outreach Programs	
52			23	
ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	OKLAHOMA	ALASKA	NEVADA
ALASKA	MAINE	OREGON	ARIZONA	NEW HAMPSHIRE
ARIZONA	MARYLAND	PENNSYLVANIA	ARKANSAS	NEW YORK
ARKANSAS	MASSACHUSETTS	RHODE ISLAND	CALIFORNIA	OHIO
CALIFORNIA	MICHIGAN	SOUTH CAROLINA	CONNECTICUT	OREGON
COLORADO	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	GEORGIA	RHODE ISLAND
CONNECTICUT	MISSISSIPPI	TENNESSEE	ILLINOIS	TENNESSEE
DELAWARE	MISSOURI	TEXAS	KANSAS	TEXAS
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FLORIDA	NEBRASKA	VERMONT	MICHIGAN	WASHINGTON
GEORGIA	NEVADA	VIRGIN ISLANDS	MINNESOTA	WISCONSIN
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IDAHO	NEW JERSEY	WASHINGTON		
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INDIANA	NEW YORK	WISCONSIN		
IOWA	NORTH CAROLINA	WYOMING		
KANSAS	NORTH DAKOTA			
KENTUCKY	OHIO			



State Option Food Stamp Program for Immigrants

The Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1997 included authority for States to purchase food stamps from the Federal government for use in a State-funded food assistance program for legal immigrants. This development was in response to the limitations on immigrant eligibility for the Federal FSP contained in the 1996 welfare reform act. States design the eligibility requirements for their programs. Some States have chosen not to purchase food stamp benefits from FNS for their program participants. They handle benefit issuance and redemption activities independently. The size of these programs has diminished significantly with the passage of the Farm Bill that incrementally restored food stamp eligibility to major groups of legal immigrants. The last of these restorations occurred in October 2003 when children under 18 years of age regained eligibility. States may opt, however, to continue these programs to serve legal immigrant adults ineligible for the Federal FSP during their first five years in residence.

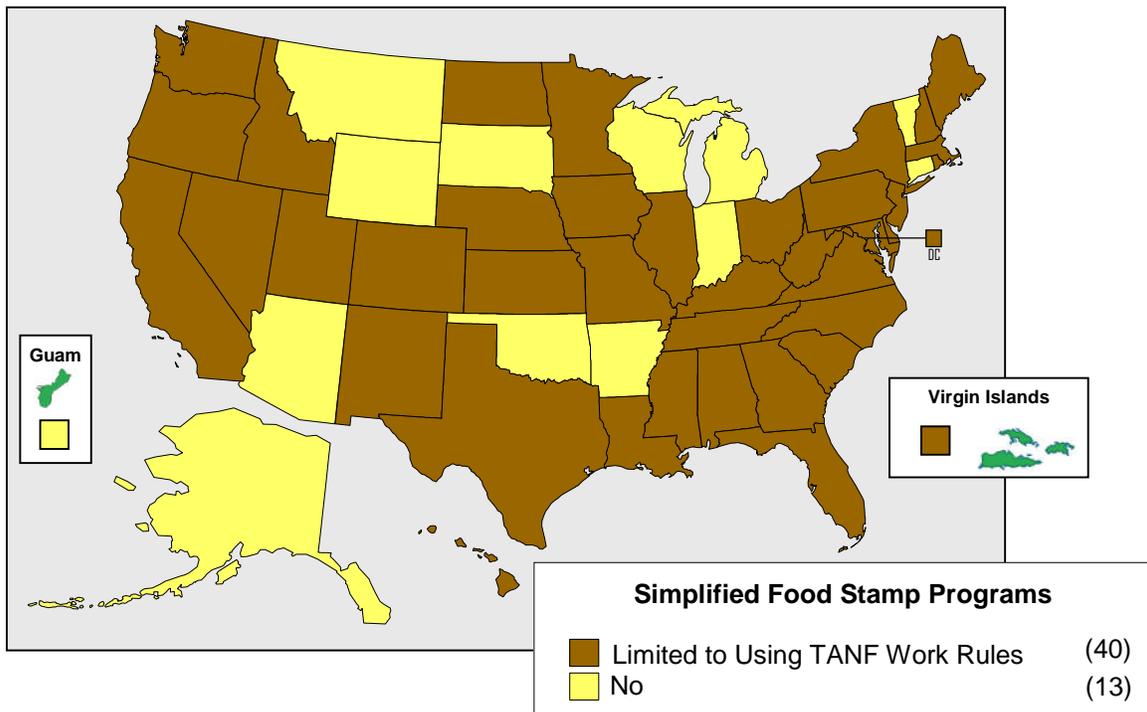
State Option FSP with Participants Per Month*		Independent State Nutrition Assistance Programs	
3		4	
CALIFORNIA	20,000	CONNECTICICUT	
NEBRASKA	190	MAINE	
WISCONSIN	400	MINNESOTA	
		WASHINGTON	



Simplified Food Stamp Program for TANF Households

States may use TANF or FSP rules, or a combination of both, to create Simplified Food Stamp Programs for TANF households. With FNS approval, States can design Simplified Programs to include households where not all members must be TANF recipients. Currently 40 States are operating limited or “mini” Simplified Programs, which means program rules have been altered from the regular FSP in the area of work requirements only. In such programs, the value of the TANF benefit and the food stamp allotment are combined to determine a work obligation satisfying the requirements of both programs.

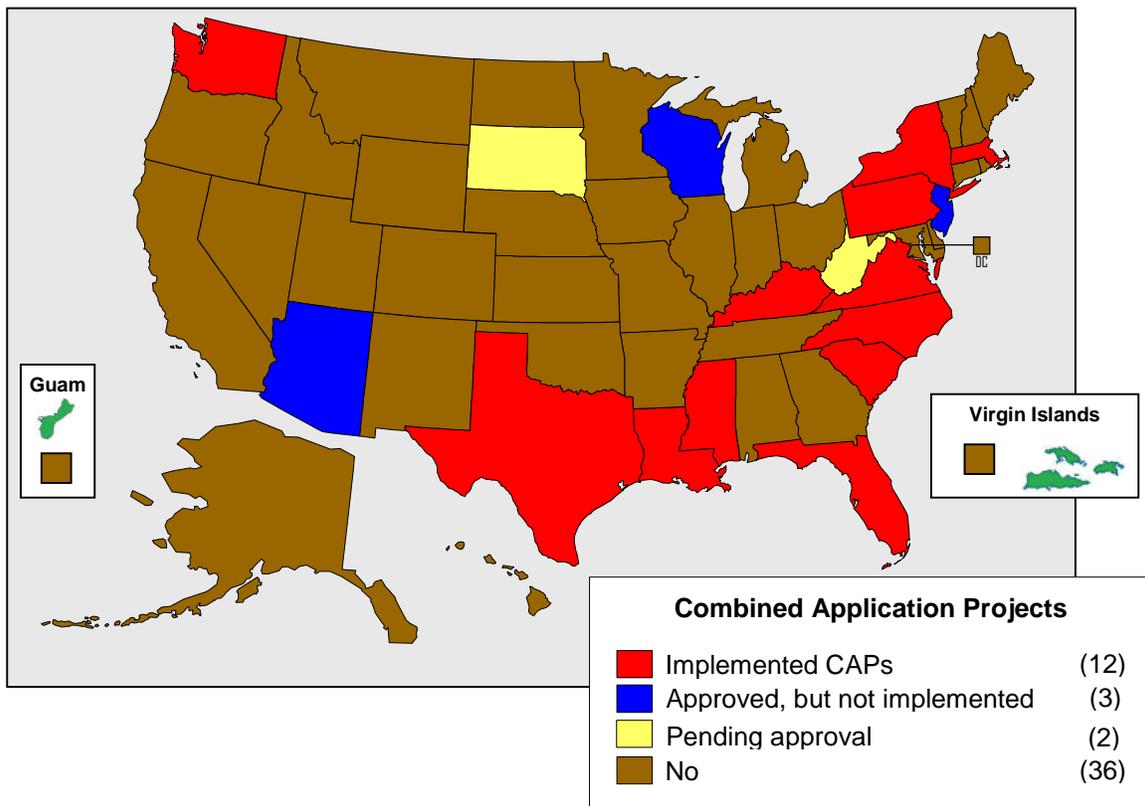
Limited Simplified Food Stamp Program			
40			
ALABAMA CALIFORNIA COLORADO DELAWARE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FLORIDA GEORGIA HAWAII IDAHO ILLINOIS	IOWA KANSAS KENTUCKY LOUISIANA MAINE MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS MINNESOTA MISSISSIPPI MISSOURI	NEBRASKA NEVADA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW JERSEY NEW MEXICO NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA OHIO OREGON	PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH CAROLINA TENNESSEE TEXAS UTAH VIRGIN ISLANDS VIRGINIA WASHINGTON WEST VIRGINIA



Combined Application Projects

The Combined Application Project (CAP) demonstrations make it easier for elderly and disabled SSI recipients to receive food stamps by reengineering the application process and eliminating the need for this population to visit the local food stamp office. The combination of standardized benefits, minimal need for independent verification, and the reduced need to go to the local offices has produced significant increases in participation within the target population.

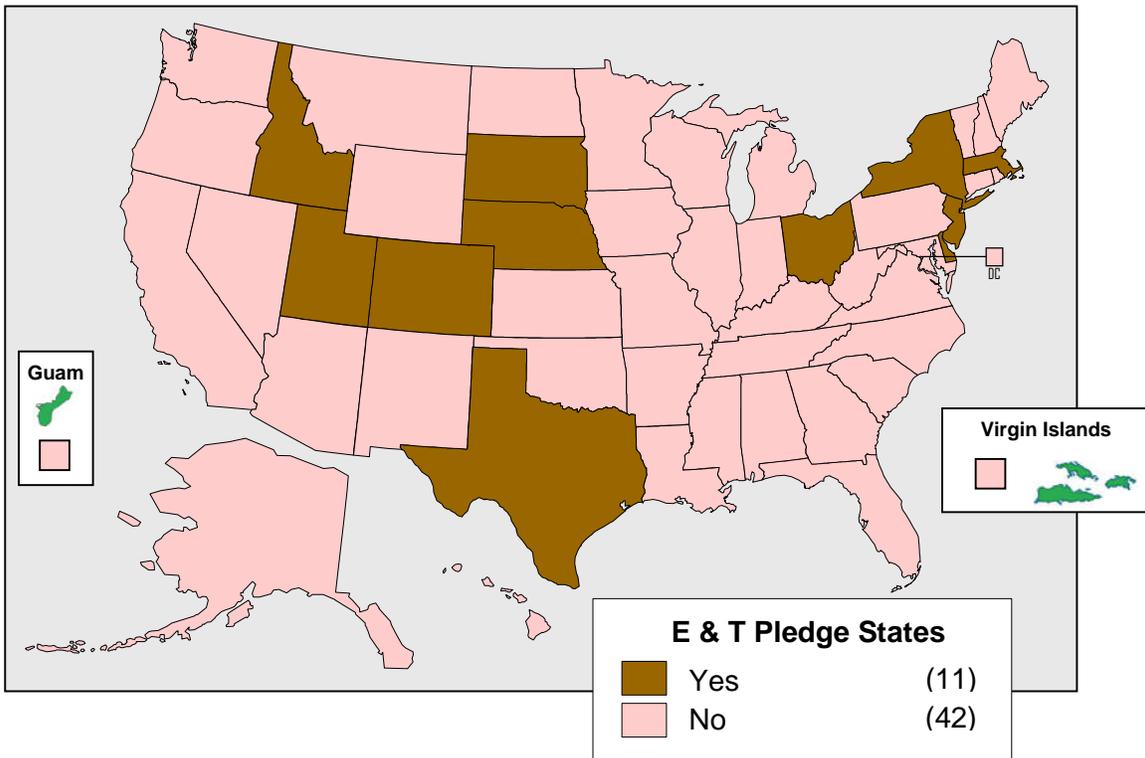
Combined Application Projects	
17	
ARIZONA	PENNSYLVANIA
FLORIDA	SOUTH CAROLINA
KENTUCKY	SOUTH DAKOTA
LOUISIANA	TEXAS
MASSACHUSETTS	VIRGINIA
MISSISSIPPI	WASHINGTON
NEW YORK	WEST VIRGINIA
NEW JERSEY	WISCONSIN
NORTH CAROLINA	



Employment & Training Pledge States

Currently 11 States have “pledged” to offer every applicant or recipient Able-Bodied Adult without Dependents (ABAWD) subject to the three-month time limit on participation a qualifying education, training, or workfare opportunity. If the client fulfills the requirements of his or her education, training, or workfare component, he or she can continue to receive benefits. Each of the 11 States receives a share of the \$20 million set aside in the Farm Bill to fund employment and training services for this population.

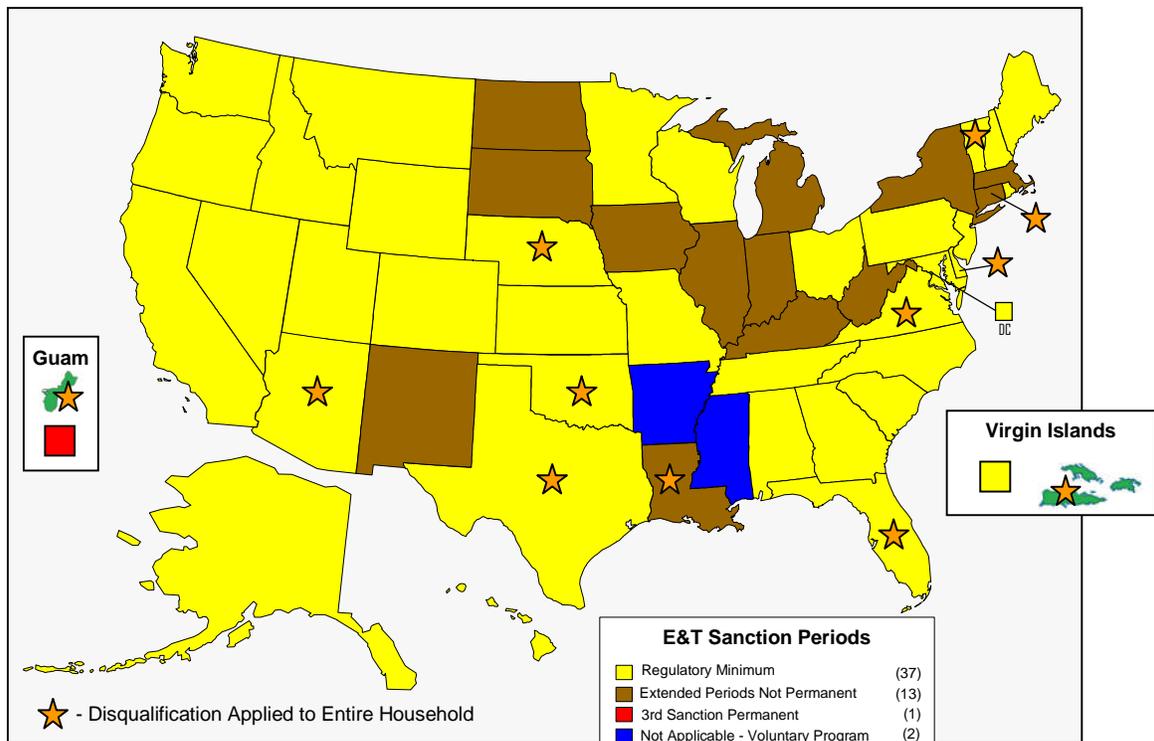
E&T Pledge States	
11	
COLORADO	NEW YORK
DELAWARE	OHIO
IDAHO	SOUTH DAKOTA
MASSACHUSETTS	TEXAS
NEBRASKA	UTAH
NEW JERSEY	



Employment & Training Sanction Periods

Individuals who are required to register for work in order to receive benefits may be enrolled into a State’s E&T program to receive assistance preparing for and finding employment. If they fail to participate in planned E&T activities without good cause, they are disqualified from the FSP for certain periods of time depending on how many prior instances of non-compliance there have been. The minimum periods set by law are one month for the first instance, three months for the second, and six months for the third. Food stamp policy gives States the options to 1) set disqualification periods longer than these minimum mandatory periods, 2) for the third occurrence, make the disqualification permanent, and 3) sanction the entire household whenever the head of household fails to comply with E&T program requirements. For information on the exact length of extended sanction periods in each State choosing to extend them, see the State Profiles section of this report.

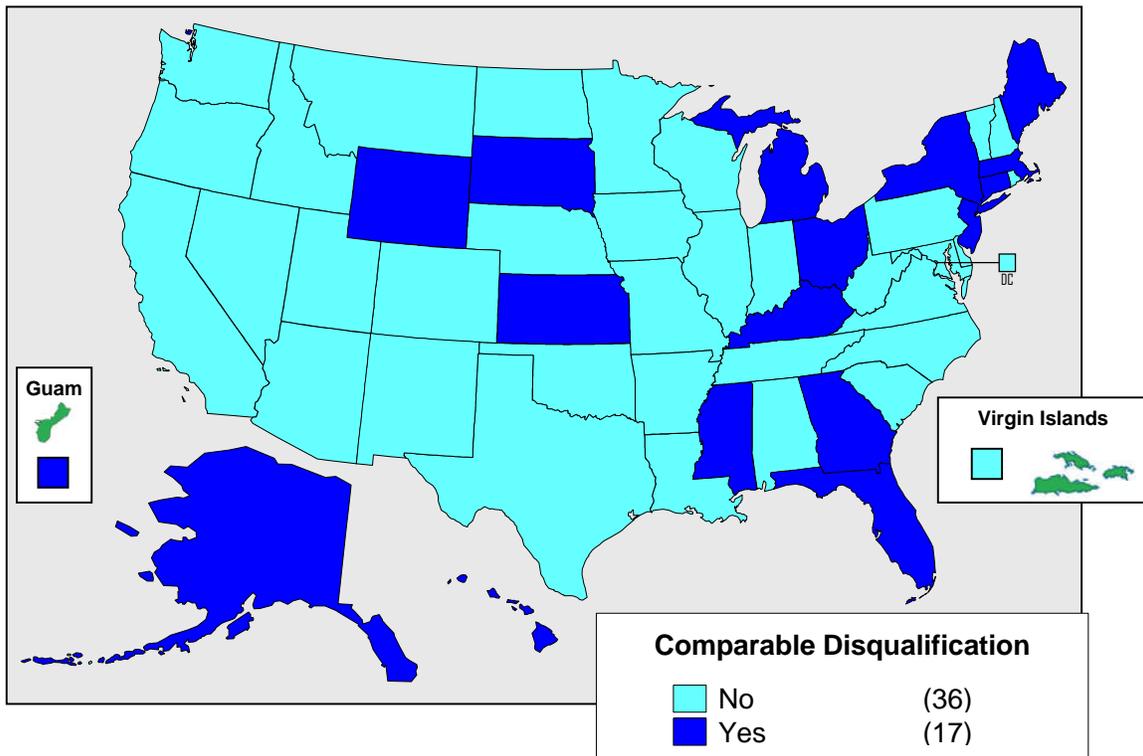
Extended E&T Sanctions		Permanent Disqualification	Entire Household Disqualification	
14		1	12	
CONNECTICUT GUAM ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA KENTUCKY LOUISIANA	MASSACHUSETTS MICHIGAN NEW MEXICO NEW YORK NORTH DAKOTA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	GUAM	ARIZONA CONNECTICUT DELAWARE FLORIDA GUAM LOUISIANA	NEBRASKA OKLAHOMA TEXAS VERMONT VIRGIN ISLANDS VIRGINIA



Comparable Disqualification

State agencies may disqualify food stamp applicants or recipients who fail to perform actions required by other means-tested programs, primarily TANF.

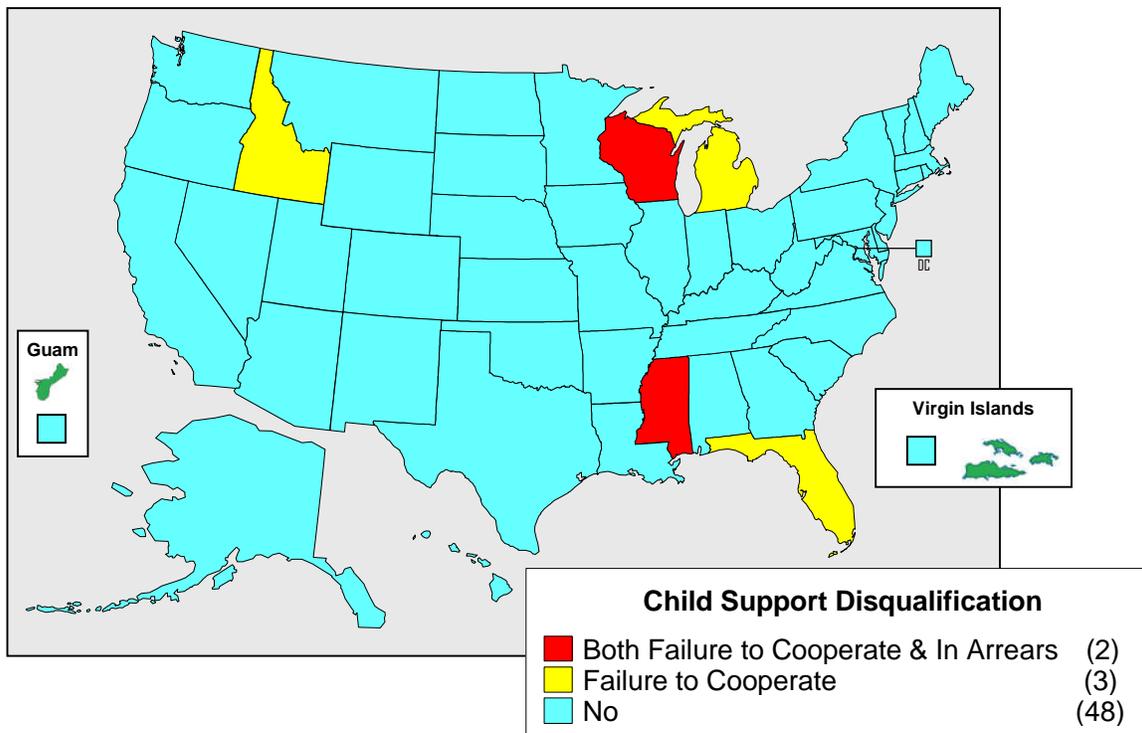
Comparable Disqualification	
17	
ALASKA	MASSACHUSETTS
CONNECTICUT	MICHIGAN
FLORIDA	MISSISSIPPI
GEORGIA	NEW JERSEY
GUAM	NEW YORK
HAWAII	OHIO
KANSAS	SOUTH DAKOTA
KENTUCKY	WYOMING
MAINE	



Child Support-Related Disqualification

States have the option to disqualify individuals who fail to cooperate with child support enforcement agencies, who are in arrears in court-ordered child support payments, or both.

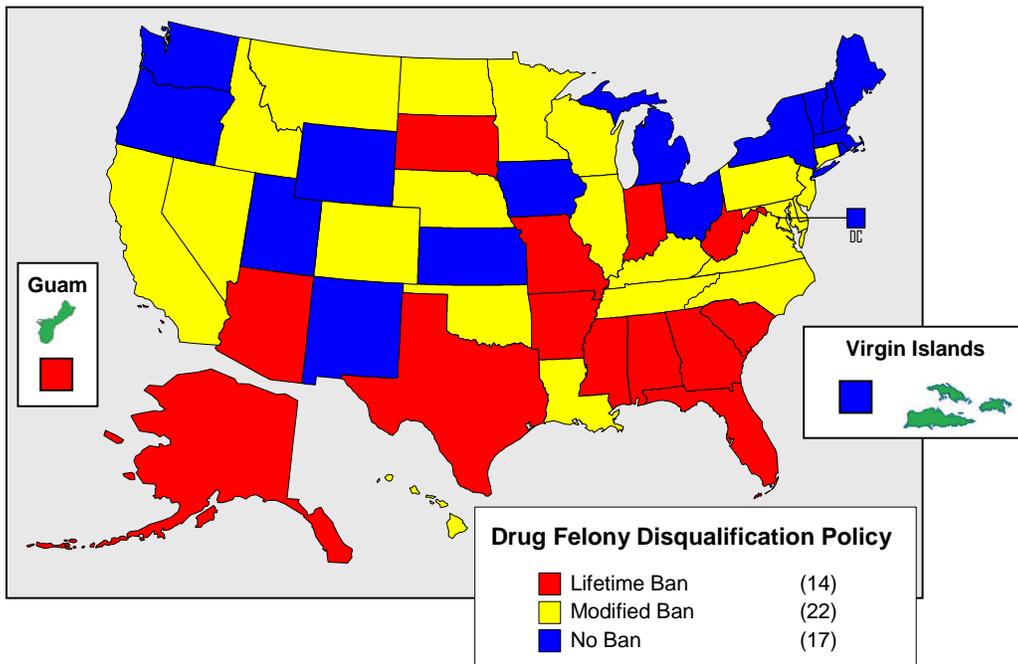
Failure to Cooperate	Arrearage
5	2
FLORIDA IDAHO MICHIGAN MISSISSIPPI WISCONSIN	MISSISSIPPI WISCONSIN



Drug Felony Disqualification

Welfare reform legislation permanently disqualifies people from FSP participation if they have been convicted of a state or federal felony offense involving the use or sale of drugs. State legislatures can opt out of the penalty entirely or choose to impose less severe restrictions. Examples of these modified approaches are 1) limiting the circumstances in which permanent disqualification applies--such as only when convictions involve the *sale* of drugs, 2) requiring the person convicted to submit to drug testing, 3) requiring participation in a drug treatment program, and/or 4) imposing a temporary disqualification period.

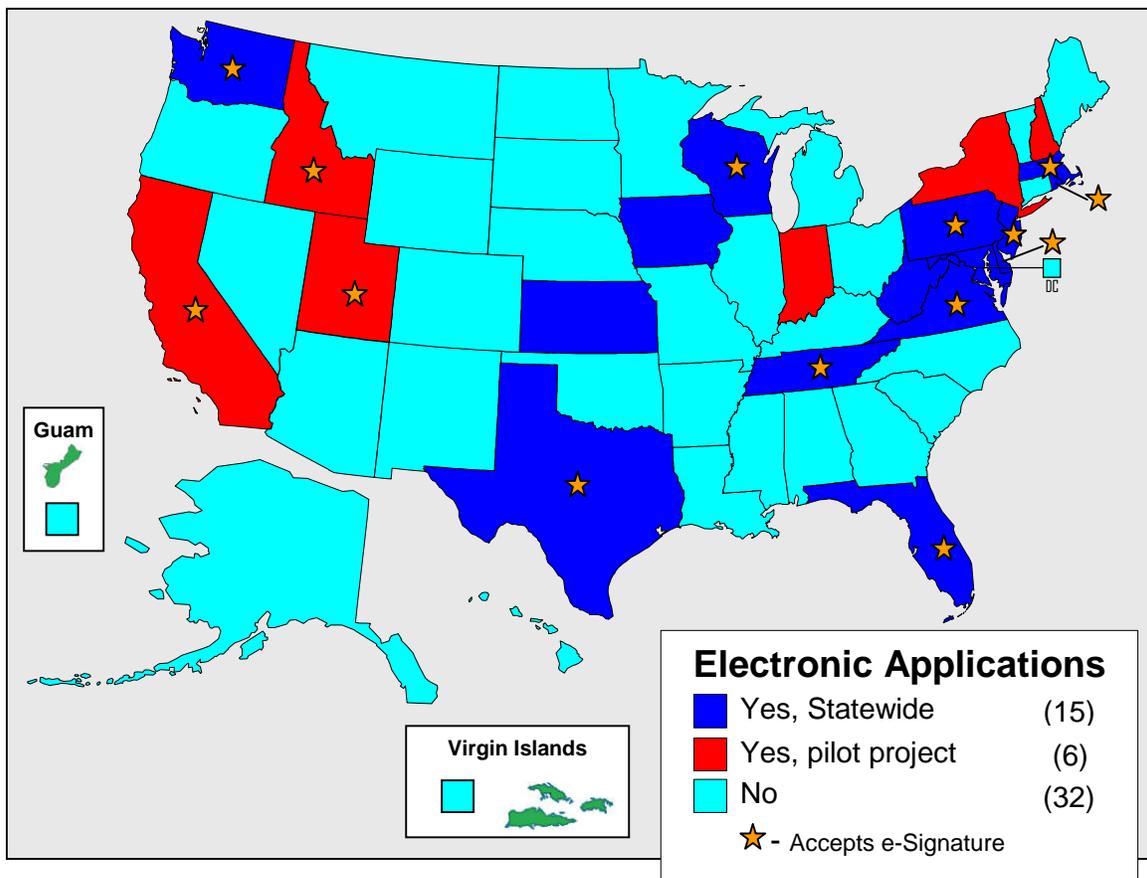
Lifetime Ban	Modified Ban		No Ban	
14	22		17	
ALABAMA ALASKA ARIZONA ARKANSAS FLORIDA GEORGIA GUAM INDIANA MISSISSIPPI MISSOURI SOUTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA TEXAS WEST VIRGINIA	CALIFORNIA COLORADO CONNECTICUT DELAWARE HAWAII IDAHO ILLINOIS KENTUCKY LOUISIANA MARYLAND MINNESOTA	MONTANA NEBRASKA NEVADA NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA OKLAHOMA PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE VIRGINIA WISCONSIN	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IOWA KANSAS MAINE MASSACHUSETTS MICHIGAN NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW MEXICO NEW YORK	OHIO OREGON RHODE ISLAND UTAH VERMONT VIRGIN ISLANDS WASHINGTON WYOMING



Electronic Application Filing

Currently 21 States provide applicants for the Food Stamp Program with the opportunity to apply for benefits on-line by computer at a web site. This option has been fully implemented statewide in 15 States, and is being piloted in a limited number of counties or sites in the remaining 6 States. In 14 of the States the applicant is allowed to submit the application with an electronic, or “e-Signature”. In the other States, although the applicant is allowed to apply on-line, the applicant still needs to submit a form with an actual signature before benefits will be authorized. An additional 13 States have indicated that they are working to eventually include this option.

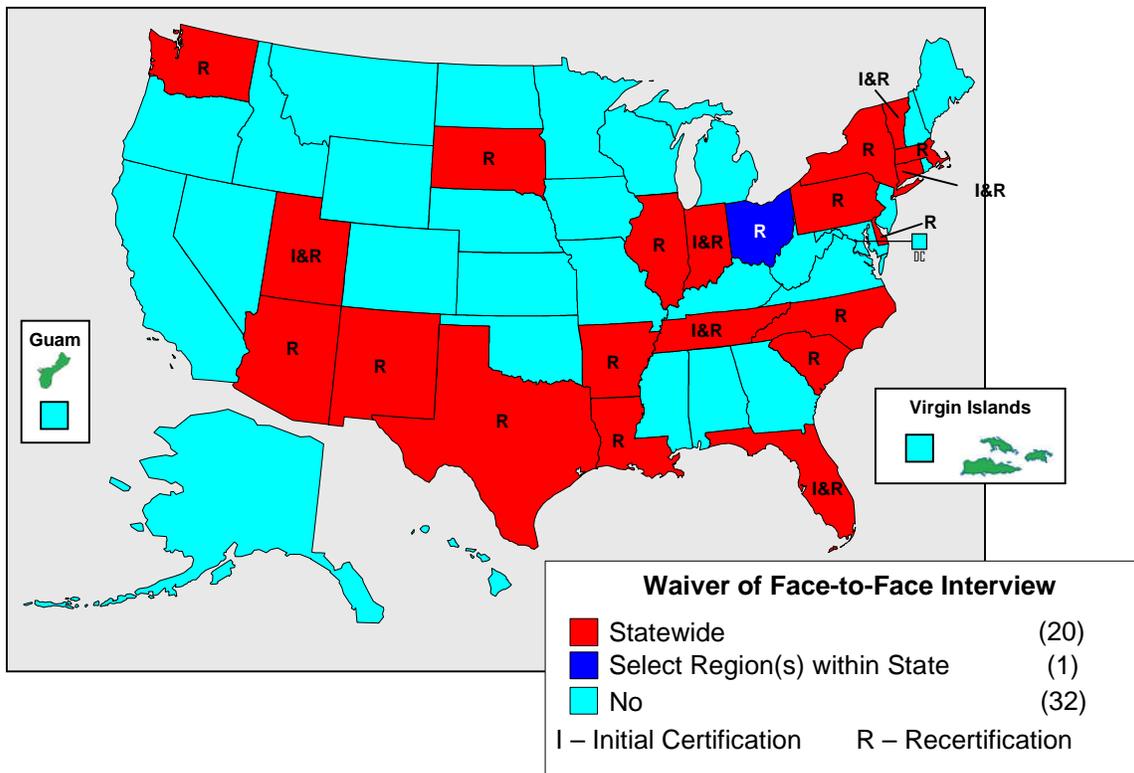
Electronic Application States		
21		
CALIFORNIA	MARYLAND	TENNESSEE
DELAWARE	MASSACHUSETTS	TEXAS
FLORIDA	NEW HAMPSHIRE	UTAH
IDAHO	NEW JERSEY	VIRGINIA
IOWA	NEW YORK	WASHINGTON
INDIANA	PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA
KANSAS	RHODE ISLAND	WISCONSIN



Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview

Regulations at 7 CFR 273.2(e) require that State agencies conduct a face-to-face interview at initial certification and at least once every 12 months thereafter, as part of the certification process. States may opt to request a waiver to the requirement that all households receive a face-to-face interview, either at initial certification or at recertification. In lieu of the face-to-face interview, interviews are conducted by telephone, although the State still retains the option of conducting a face-to-face interview if it is determined that one is appropriate, or if the applicant requests a face-to-face interview. Eligibility workers gather the same information and take the same actions during a telephone interview as during a face-to-face interview.

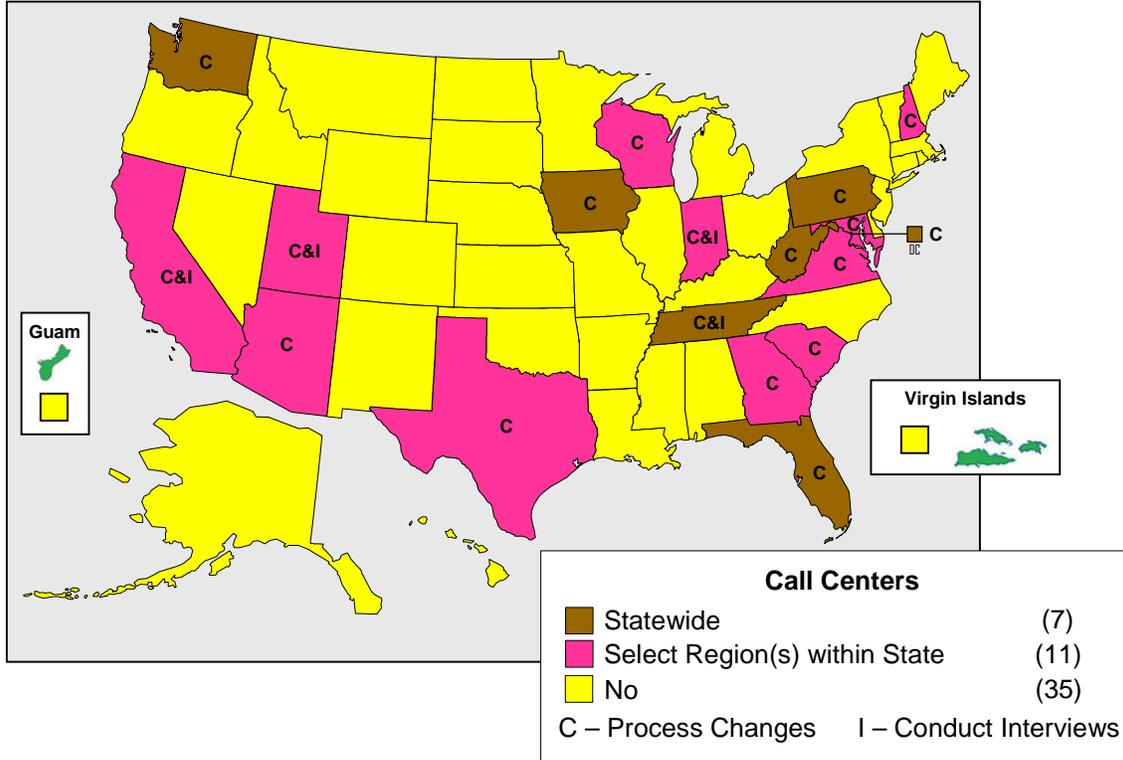
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	
21	
ARIZONA	NORTH CAROLINA
ARKANSAS	OHIO
CONNECTICUT	PENNSYLVANIA
DELAWARE	SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORIDA	SOUTH DAKOTA
ILLINOIS	TENNESSEE
INDIANA	TEXAS
LOUISIANA	UTAH
MASSACHUSETTS	VERMONT
NEW MEXICO	WASHINGTON
NEW YORK	



Call Centers

Change call centers have become more common in States and project areas around the country. The centers can be used exclusively to process reported changes, but they are also sometimes used for a variety of other purposes, including processing alerts, handling participant phone calls, conducting call-backs, and performing certification/recertification interviews. Call centers can help reduce errors caused by unreported changes, high workloads, and unanswered phone/voice mail messages. Benefits include task specialization, prompt customer service, measurable work performance, dedicated phone lines, and the ability to reinforce change reporting with one phone number for participants to remember.

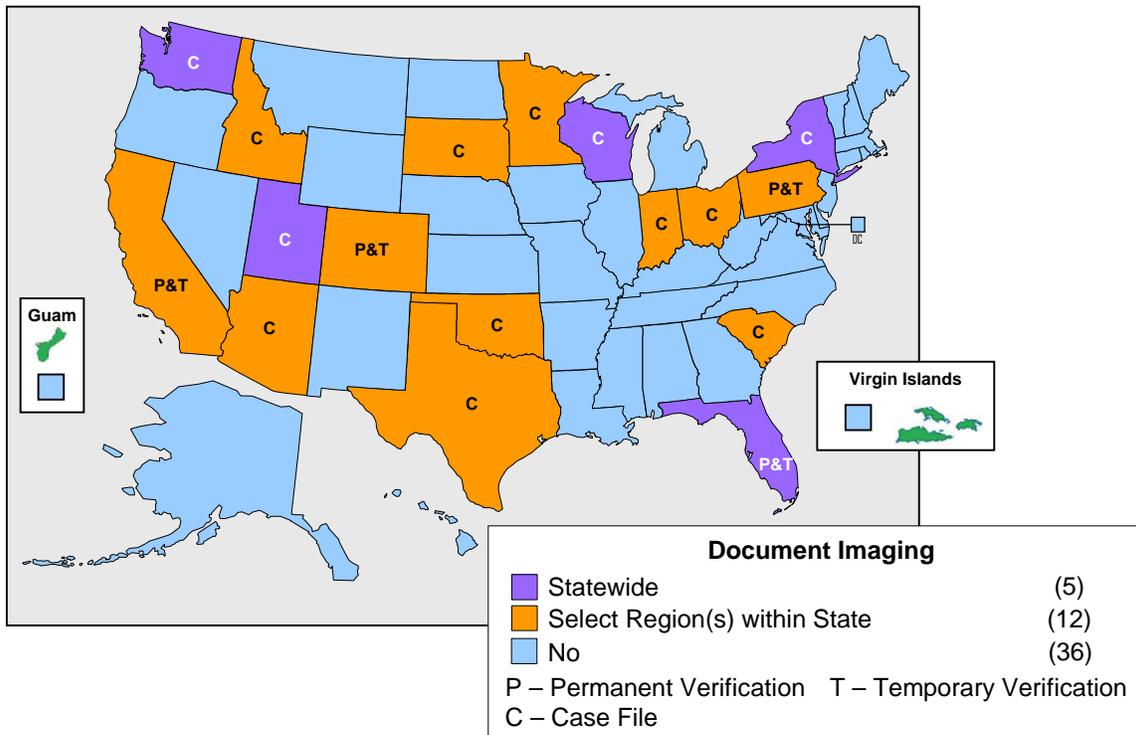
Call Centers	
18	
ARIZONA	PENNSYLVANIA
CALIFORNIA	SOUTH CAROLINA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	TENNESSEE
FLORIDA	TEXAS
GEORGIA	UTAH
INDIANA	VIRGINIA
IOWA	WASHINGTON
MARYLAND	WEST VIRGINIA
NEW HAMPSHIRE	WISCONSIN



Document Imaging

Document imaging is the process of scanning paper documents, converting them to digital images that are then stored in an electronic format. State agencies have begun to make of this technology in order to create paperless, or less paper intensive, certification systems, cutting the expenses and space requirements associated with the storage and maintenance of certification record documentation, and increasing the efficiency of the certification process. This technology may be used to scan permanent verification documents (such as birth certificates, alien registration, or verification of handicap status), temporary verification (such as wage stubs, rent receipts, or band statements), or entire case records (including signed applications, monthly report forms, or submitted change report forms).

Document Imaging	
17	
ARIZONA CALIFORNIA COLORADO FLORIDA IDAHO INDIANA MINNESOTA NEW YORK OHIO	OKLAHOMA PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA TEXAS UTAH WASHINGTON WISCONSIN



SUMMARY

<i>Option</i>	<i>Number of States</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting – Earned Income Households Only	4
 Simplified (Reduced) Reporting – Expanded to Other Households	44
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting – Certification Periods (6/12/Both)	26/13/9
Quarterly Reporting	1
Monthly Reporting	3
Status Reporting	9
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	29
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	8
 Transitional Benefits	18
 Simplified Definition of Income	43
 Simplified Definition of Resources	36
Vehicle Rules: FSP	1
Vehicle Rules: TANF Assistance	34
Vehicle Rules: Child Care or Foster Care	10
Vehicle Rules: TANF-MOE Categorical Eligibility	8
Vehicle Rules: Excludes All Vehicles	29
Vehicle Rules: Not All – But At Least One Vehicle Excluded	17
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	35
 Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	27
Standard Utility Allowance	52
Mandatory Standard Utility Allowance	40
 Simplified Utility Allowance	40
 Simplified Deductions	8
 Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	14
Nutrition Education Program & Outreach Program	52 & 23
State Option Food Stamp Program – Purchase of FNS Benefits	3
Independent State Food Stamp Program	4
Limited Simplified Food Stamp Program	40
Combined Application Projects	17
E&T Pledge State	11
Extended E&T Sanction Periods	14
E&T Permanent Disqualification	1
E&T Household Disqualification	12
Comparable Disqualification	17
Child Support Disqualification: Failure to Cooperate Only	3
Child Support Disqualification: Arrearage Only	0
Child Support Disqualification: Both Failure to Cooperate & Arrearage	2
Drug Felony Disqualification: Lifetime Ban	14
Drug Felony Disqualification: Modified Ban	22
Drug Felony Disqualification: No Ban	17
Electronic Application Filing	21
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	21
Call Centers	18
Document Imaging	17

SECTION TWO:

STATE PROFILES

ALABAMA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- Both 6 & 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules:	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

ALASKA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

ARIZONA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	Approved, Not Implemented
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files

ARKANSAS	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

CALIFORNIA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes - FNS Involved
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes (Pilot Project), e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes & Interviews
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, All Types Verification

COLORADO	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, All Types Verification

CONNECTICUT	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes - No FNS Involvement
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-6
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

DELAWARE	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes- Changes Only
Document Imaging	No

FLORIDA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Failure to Cooperate
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes- Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes- All Types Verification

GEORGIA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	No

GUAM	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-Permanently
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

HAWAII	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes-Both 6 & 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

IDAHO	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	Failure to Cooperate
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes (Pilot Project), e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files

ILLINOIS	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	2-4-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

INDIANA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	2-6-36 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes (Pilot Project), No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes & Interviews
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files

IOWA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	2-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes- Changes Only
Document Imaging	No

KANSAS	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- Both 6 & 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

KENTUCKY	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	2-4-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

LOUISIANA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

MAINE	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes – No FNS Involvement
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

MARYLAND	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	No

MASSACHUSETTS	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	Yes
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-12 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

MICHIGAN	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-6-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Failure to Cooperate
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

MINNESOTA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	Yes
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes - No FNS Involvement
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files

MISSISSIPPI	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Failure to Cooperate & Arrearage
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

MISSOURI	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

MONTANA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- Both 6 & 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

NEBRASKA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes - FNS Involved
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

NEVADA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

NEW HAMPSHIRE	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- Both 6 & 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes (Pilot Project), No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	No

NEW JERSEY	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Approved, Not Implemented
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

NEW MEXICO	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- Both 6 & 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-12 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

NEW YORK	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- Both 6 & 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	2-4-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes (1 county pilot), No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes- Entire Case Files

NORTH CAROLINA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

NORTH DAKOTA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-6-12 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

OHIO	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Selected Regions, Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files

OKLAHOMA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files

OREGON	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- Both 6 & 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

PENNSYLVANIA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes- Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, All Types Verification

RHODE ISLAND	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

SOUTH CAROLINA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files

SOUTH DAKOTA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	Yes
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	Pending Approval
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-6-12 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files

TENNESSEE	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes- Changes & Interviews
Document Imaging	No

TEXAS	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files

UTAH	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- Both 6 & 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes (Pilot Project), e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes & Interviews
Document Imaging	Yes- Entire Case Files

VERMONT	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

VIRGIN ISLANDS	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	FSP Rules
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Utility Allowance	N/A
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No

VIRGINIA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	No

WASHINGTON	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes – No FNS Involvement
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Yes
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, , e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes- Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes- Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes- Entire Case Files

WEST VIRGINIA	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Combined Application Project	Pending Approval
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-12 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes- Changes Only
Document Imaging	No

WISCONSIN	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes- 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Both
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes – FNS Involved
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	Approved, Not Implemented
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	Failure to Cooperate & Arrearage
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes- Entire Case Files

WYOMING

<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education & Outreach Programs	Nutrition Education Only
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Combined Application Project	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No